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TAGS: EAGR, ETRD, AS
SUBJECT: NSW GRAIN SILO COLLAPSE

1. AN INVESTIGATION IS UNDERWAY TO DETERMINE WHAT CAUSED THE MYSTERY COLLAPSE OF A 40 METER HIGH STEEL SILO LAST MONDAY THAT PUT SOME 3,000 MT OF GRAIN ON THE GROUND NEAR GRIFFITH, NEW SOUTH WALES. THE AVALANCHE OF GRAIN PUSHED A SECOND SILO OFF ITS FOUNDATION AND DID SOME DAMAGE TO A THIRD. THERE WERE NO INJURIES, AND AS MOST OF THE GRAIN CAN BE SALVAGED, THE LOSS WILL NOT BE GREAT, ASIDE FROM THE DAMAGE TO THE STEEL SILOS.

2. THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE, MR. SINCLAIR, HAS ASKED FOR A FULL INVESTIGATION, BUT AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN HAMP-ERED IN THEIR EFFORTS BECAUSE THE FIRM (POULTRY FEED MANUFACTURER AND A LARGE POULTRY FARM) HAS REFUSED TO LET ANYONE ENTER THE PROPERTY. ACCORDING TO REPORTS, THE FIRM MAY HAVE BEEN DEALING IN GRAIN OUTSIDE THE STATUTORY MARKETING BOARDS AND WOULD RATHER NOT HAVE SITUATION INVESTIGATED. A GOA OFFICIAL TOLD AGATTACHE THAT BEST SPECULATION IS THAT COLLAPSE WAS DUE TO
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STRUCTURAL FAULT RATHER THAN DUST EXPLOSION. HOWEVER, THE PRESS HAS BLOWN IT UP AS A "MYSTERY BLAST" COMPARING IT TO THE DISASTROUS U.S. EXPLOSIONS.

UNLESS REPORTED OTHERWISE, THE INCIDENT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED MINOR AND ISOLATED.
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